Priority on aircraft landing

3961. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IAF aircrafts have to wait for signlas to land and fly as the airport give priority to private civil aircrafts;

(b) if so, the reasons for preference to give clearance to civil aircrafts over the IAF aircrafts; and

(c) what action Government plan to take with the Airports Authority of India to ensure that a balance is struck and IAF planes going on important duty/operation or VVIP assignment be given priority in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) All military flights on national mission, various other important mission, VVIP flights, flights in distress and the flights declared as emergency are always accorded due priority.

Flying Institute at Hyderabad

3962. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to upgrade Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy, set up new academies in other parts of the country and also enhance the age of pilots in view of the growth in the aviation sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to setting up of an Uran academy at Hyderabad since there is no such Academy in Southern Region and Hyderabad is an ideal location for such academy;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of flying training institutes and flying clubs in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government propose